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May 7, 1986

Dear News Editor:

Former President Jimmy Carter will visit the University of Montana Monday, May 19, as the 19th Mansfield Lecturer. President Carter will not be granting individual press interviews, but there will be a press conference Monday afternoon at 2:15 in the television studio of the new Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. Only members of the press who can produce identification and whose names have been provided in advance to this office will be admitted. You should let me know who will be covering the press conference for your paper as soon as possible but no later than Friday, May 16.

At 8 p.m. President Carter will deliver the 19th Mansfield Lecture in International Relations in Dahlberg Arena, Adams Field House. A press area will be reserved for reporters covering the speech. Because we are concerned with maintaining an appropriate atmosphere for the lecture and because we expect that the Secret Service will limit movement near the podium during the lecture, there will probably be some restriction of photographers. We will do our best to ensure adequate photo opportunities during the lecture. Your photographers should be in touch with me after the press conference so they can be acquainted with any ground rules.

Flash photography will not be permitted, nor should it be necessary. The arena will be lighted as it is for basketball games, and the podium will be spotlighted.

President Carter's speech, "Our Values and the World," is the keynote address of a two-day conference titled Ethics and Public Affairs: the Search for a Moral Vision in Foreign Policy. The conference is sponsored by the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at the University of Montana and funded by a grant from the Burlington Northern Foundation. Other speakers and the titles of their talks are --

Garry Wills, nationally syndicated columnist, "First Principles: Our Values as Americans." He will speak at 10 a.m. Monday, May 19, in the Montana Theatre of the Performing Arts Building.

Charles Mathias Jr., Republican senator from Maryland on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, "Representing the People: A View from Congress," at 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 20, in the Montana Theatre, Performing Arts Building.

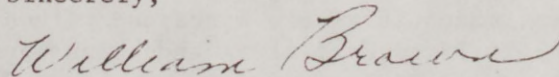
Richard John Neuhaus, director of the Center on Religion and Society, New York City, "Foreign Policy and the Possibility of American Purpose," at 2 p.m. in the Montana Theatre, Performing Arts Building.

Kenneth Thompson, director of the Miller Center of Public Affairs, "Moral Vision and Political Realities," 7 p.m. in the Underground Lecture Hall.

This extraordinary group of public figures makes this a conference of national significance. I hope you will be able to cover it in its entirety. Should you have any special needs, please don't hesitate to contact me or news editors Kathy Hubbell or Carol Woodruff.

I've attached a copy of President Carter's resume.

Sincerely,



William Brown
Director, University Information

cc: Paul Lauren, Mansfield Center
Kathy Hubbell
Carol Woodruff

BIOGRAPHY OF JIMMY CARTER

Jimmy Carter (James Earl Carter, Jr.) was born October 1, 1924, in the small farming town of Plains, Georgia. He grew up nearby in the community of Archery. His father, James Earl Carter, Sr., was a farmer and businessman; his mother, Lillian Gordy, a registered nurse.

He was educated in the Plains public schools, attended Georgia Southwestern College, Georgia Institute of Technology and was graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1946. He did graduate work in nuclear physics at Union College.

During his naval career, he lived in many parts of the United States and served around the world, including the Far East. He rose to the rank of lieutenant (senior grade), working under Admiral Hyman Rickover in the development of the nuclear submarine program.

When his father died in 1953, he resigned his commission and returned to Plains. In addition to working his own farm, he continued a small business of his father's, selling fertilizer and farm supplies. He did the manual labor while his wife Rosalynn, kept the books. Carter's Warehouse grew into a profitable general-purpose seed and farm supply operation.

Soon after his return to Plains, Jimmy Carter became involved in the affairs of his community--deacon and Sunday School teacher in his church, chairman of the school board, among other civic activities, and was the first president of the Georgia Planning Association. In 1962, he was elected to the Georgia Senate. He waged his first gubernatorial campaign in 1966.

In 1971, he became Georgia's 76th governor. While in office, his fellow governors selected him to serve as chairman of the Southern Regional Education Board, The Appalachian Regional Commission, the Coastal Plains Regional Action Planning Commission and the Southern Growth Policies Board.

In 1973, he became the Democratic Party's National Chairman for the 1974 Congressional Elections. He announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination on December 12, 1974, and won his party's nomination at the 1976 Democratic National Convention on the first ballot. Jimmy Carter was elected President on November 2, 1976.

He served from January 20, 1977 to January 20, 1981. Noteworthy accomplishments of his administration included, in foreign policy, the Panama Canal treaties, the Camp David Accords, the treaty of peace between Egypt and Israel, the SALT II treaty with the Soviet Union, and the establishment of U.S. diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China. He championed human rights throughout the world. On the domestic side, the administration's achievements included a comprehensive energy program conducted by a new Department of Energy; deregulation in energy, transportation, communications, and finance; major educational programs under a new Department of Education; and major environmental protection legislation, including the Alaska Lands Act.

President Carter's autobiography, WHY NOT THE BEST?, was published in 1975. He published KEEPING FAITH--MEMOIRS OF A PRESIDENT in 1982, NEGOTIATION: THE ALTERNATIVE to HOSTILITY in 1984, and THE BLOOD OF ABRAHAM: INSIGHTS INTO THE MIDDLE EAST in 1985.

In 1982, he became University Distinguished Professor at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. He also founded the Carter Center of Emory University--a permanent policy center for addressing vital world issues through nonpartisan study and consultation. Major consultations either completed or planned address the Middle East, Arms Control and US-Soviet relations, Health Policy, Conflict Resolution, and Latin America.

Besides teaching and developing the Carter Center and his future Presidential Library and Museum, President Carter has continued to travel and speak throughout the world. He is active in Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit organization that helps build homes for the needy in the United States and in underdeveloped countries. He teaches Sunday School and is a deacon in the Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains.

An avid fly fisherman and woodworker, he has written articles on both subjects for various publications. His primary sports are jogging and bicycling.

FAMILY

Parents:

James Earl Carter, born 1894, Arlington, Georgia; died 1953.
Lillian Gordy Carter, born 1898, Richland, Georgia; died 1983.

Sisters and Brothers:

Ruth Carter Stapleton (Mrs. Robert T.), died 1983.

Gloria Spann (Mrs. Walter G.), Plains, Georgia.

William Alton (Billy) Carter, III, Waycross, Georgia.

Wife

Rosalynn Smith Carter, born August 18, 1927, in Plains, Georgia.
Married July 7, 1946.

Children:

John William (Jack) Carter was born July 3, 1947, in Portsmouth, Virginia. Married Julliete (Judy) Langford of Calhoun, Georgia.
Children: Jason James, born August 7, 1975, and Sarah Rosemary, born December 19, 1978.

James Earl (Chip) Carter III was born April 12, 1950, in Honolulu, Hawaii. Married Ginger Hodges of Americus, Georgia. Chip has one son, James Earl Carter IV, born February 25, 1977.

Donnel Jeffrey (Jeff) Carter was born August 18, 1952 in New London, Connecticut. Married Annette Jene Davis of Arlington, Georgia. They have one son, Joshua Jeffrey, born May 8, 1984.

Amy Lynn Carter was born October 19, 1967, in Plains, Georgia.